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14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 26, steamship *Bergenseren*; crew, 17; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully, J. GREY THOMAS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CANADA.

Smallpox in the city of Quebec.

QUEBEC, CANADA, *November 5, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that 41 cases of smallpox were reported in this city for the week ended November 2, 1901. This is the first time in about a year that the disease has made its appearance here. Smallpox was reported in the western provinces during the summer, and since that time it has been steadily working its way eastward. Ottawa and Montreal were the largest cities in its path, but it was not until last week that the disease was reported here. The disease is very mild in character, and up to the present time there has been no mortality. General vaccination is being practiced. The local physicians hope to have all the residents vaccinated before the week is finished.

Respectfully, VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at Quebec during the week ended November 2, 1901.

QUEBEC, CANADA, *November 4, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended November 2, there were inspected 550 immigrants—passed, 535; detained, 15; * * *.

Respectfully, VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *October 1, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of the bills of health issued at this port for the week ended September 28, 1901. Seven vessels were inspected during the week, 448 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 539 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam.

There were 10 rejections during the week because of fever. Three cases of plague and 3 deaths were reported to the sanitary authorities, making a total of 1,747 cases and 1,644 deaths thus far this year. One case of enteric fever was also reported during the week, otherwise there were no communicable diseases reported in the colony during that time.

Unofficial reports state that a few cases of plague still continue to

occur at Canton, but any report from Canton regarding sanitary conditions is not much more than guesswork.

Respectfully, JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Reports from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 30, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 29, 1901:

Population according to census not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, 3 cases, no deaths; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and smallpox, as stated above. Of the 4 deaths reported above from other causes, 1 was from convulsions, 1 tuberculosis, 1 chronic malaria, and 1 cause unknown. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good, except as stated above.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 23, steamship *Harald;* crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 26, steamship *Colombia;* crew, 19; passengers from this port, 1; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 2; steamship *Simon Dumois;* crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully, PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Steamers resume the carriage of passengers from Bocas del Toro to Mobile.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 30, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the quarantine board of Mobile Bay has recalled their representative at this port. Dr. Chas. S. Carter, who represented the above-mentioned board, sailed for Mobile October 26, 1901.

I was informed this morning by the fruit companies that their steamers will begin carrying passengers from this date.

Respectfully, PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Smallpox at Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 30, 1901.*

SIR: I have to report the existence of some cases of smallpox in this port, as follows: One recovered, 2 convalescent, and 1 still sick.